

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Of:	) Confirmation No. 5663
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Application Number: 10/606,409	) Examiner REIMERS, A.
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For: TRANSPEDICULAR	)
INTERVERTEBRAL DISK	)
ACCESS METHODS AND	)
DEVICES	)

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed October 26, 2006 (the "Office Action"), Applicants hereby offer the following response. A brief index of the present communication follows.

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